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SUBJECT: INTEREST OF FREEPORT INDONESIA IN HIRING MINERS
FROM PHILIPPINES, KOREA OR PAKISTAN

1. WYN COATES OF FREEPORT INDONESIA HEADQUARTERS IN
NEW YORK HAS ASKED ASSISTANCE IN ASSEMBLING INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF FREEPORT INDONESIA HIRING
MINERS FROM KOREA, THE PHILIPPINES OR PAKISTAN TO WORK
IN ITS IRIAN JAYA (NEW GUINEA) MINING OPERATIONS.

2. FREEPORT INDONESIA OPERATES A LARGE OPEN COPPER MINING
FACILITY IN A MOUNTAINOUS JUNGLE AREA ABOUT 70 MILES
IN FROM THE COAST IN IRIAN JAYA. IT EXPECTS TO BEGIN
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UNDERGROUND MINING OPERATIONS IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT
FUTURE AND STATES THAT TRAINED MINING WORKERS OF THE TYPE
NEEDED ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN INDONESIA. THEY ARE THINKING
IN TERMS OF AROUND 320 WORKERS DIVIDED PRIMARILY IN 2
CATEGORIES - MINE OPERATION AND MINE MAINTENANCE.
SPECIALITIES NEEDED WOULD INCLUDE BLASTING OPERATORS,
HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS, HEAVY TRUCK OPERATORS, DRILLERS,

TRAMWAY OPERATORS, BELT OPERATORS AND HEAVY DUTY DIESEL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE MECHANICS.

3. A PERIOD OF NEED FOR UP TO 5 YEARS IS ENVISIONED. FREEPORT INDONESIA UNDERSTANDS THOROUGHLY INDONESIAN INDONESIANIZATION REQUIREMENTS AND WOULD PLAN AT AN EARLY DATE TO START TRAINING INDONESIANS TO TAKE OVER. IT HAS REPORTEDLY ALREADY DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT IN INDONESIA WITH THE MINISTRY OF MINES, THE MANPOWER MINISTRY AND THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION.

4. WORKERS EMPLOYED WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BRING DEPENDENTS. FOOD, HOUSING (BARRACKS TYPE) AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (EVIDENTLY SOMEWHAT LIMITED) WOULD BE PROVIDED ON SITE.

5. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF ACTION ADDRESSEES WOULD COMMENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE TYPE OF WORKERS IN QUESTION AND, IN CASES WHERE THEY MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, SEND INFORMATION AS TO ORGANIZATIONS TO BE CONTACTED TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION. IF THERE DOES APPEAR TO BE A GOOD POSSIBILITY OF HIRING SUCH WORKERS, FREEPORT INDONESIA WOULD PLAN TO SEND SOMEONE TO THE COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES CONCERNED FOR DISCUSSIONS.

6. COATES WILL BE IN THE DEPARTMENT MAY 18. ACCORDINGLY IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF INFORMATION COULD BE RECEIVED BEFORE THEN. CHRISTOPHER

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